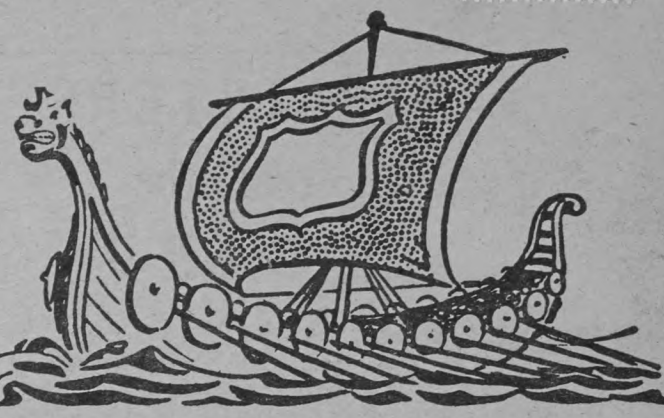




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Nordic House in Reykjavik

Nordic House in Reykjavik, designed by the famous Swedish architect Alvar Aalto, built and financed by the Nordic governments on the proportional population principle, and inaugurated on August 24th, 1968, has become in reality a cultural centre in Iceland, where many of the most important cultural events take place.

The idea behind Nordic House is to encourage and develop mutual interest and understanding between the five Nordic countries, not only in the cultural field, but also in the social and economic sphere. For the purpose a number of outstanding Scandinavian authors and lecturers have been invited to read from their works and deliver lectures on everything from Viking ruins in Newfoundland (Helge Ingstad) to modern problems of nutrition and food production (Georg Borgstrom). The best Scandinavian critics have come to talk about the literatures of their respective countries and prominent writers have presented their works. The language situation has not created any serious barrier, since most Icelanders have a smattering of Danish (one of five obligatory foreign languages in high school), and knowing Danish makes Norwegian and Swedish not too formidable to understand. But the Finnish guests have to use Swedish. As an indication of the great interest that the Icelandic public takes in Nordic House, one could mention that in a city of about 80,000 inhabitants more than 50,000 people visited the House during the first six months.

Apart from lectures and readings there have been interesting and well attended exhibitions of Scandinavian and Greenlandic arts and crafts and of the most important books published in all the Nordic countries last year. The book exhibition was in fact the initiation of Nordic House Library, which will have a large and varied collection of Scandinavian books, in addition to the leading periodicals and newspapers, the latter delivered by airmail every day.

Thus Nordic House is in effect the unrivalled centre of Scandinavianism in Iceland. It has close co-

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SKANDIA CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Fourtieth Anniversary of Vasa Lodge Skandia was celebrated November 21, in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

A social hour was held prior to supper at 7:30 p.m. Guests and members were welcomed by Chairman Peter Johnson, and joined voices in singing O Canada, and Du Gamla, Du Fria. Grace was said by Rita Pearson. A most sumptuous dinner was served.

Following dinner, Master of Ceremonies Sigurd Johnson introduced Alberta District Master John Holmlund, President of the Scandinavian Centre Paul Karvonen, and Swedish Consul Sigurd Franzen, each of whom congratulated Skandia on forty years of activity. On behalf of Skandia, Eric Pierre presented a gift to Minnie Nelson, the widow of Skandia's founder Arvard Nelson. Mrs. Nelson's daughter, Vera Hyde accepted the gift for her mother, who is ill.

Grand Deputy Margaret Eliasson read a history of the Lodge. Some of the highlights follow.

On November 24, 1929, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arvard Nelson, Vasa Lodge Skandia, number 549 came into being. Of the original Charter Members, only Eric Pierre, and Ed Bergquist remain. In October of 1934, a Children's Club was formed, several of the original members were present. In August of 1946, purchase of some lake property was being considered, and on December 7, the fifteen acres on Pigeon Lake were bought. A lot of hard work followed. In 1952 the first Smorgasbord was held in the Masonic Temple, and so the list of

accomplishments goes on.

Margaret Eliasson read greetings from Grand Master Bertil Winstrom. Flowers had been sent by Buford Lodge, a telegram from Lethbridge Lodge, and cards of congratulations from sister Lodges Nordstjarna, Buford, Branting, and Tegner.

Peter Johnson presented twenty-five year pins to: Oscar and Winnie Pearson, Albert Winquist, Ragnar Roos, Eric and Hansine Pierre, May Rushton, Alma Samuelson, Roy Samuelson, Ragnhild Johnson, and John and Davida Ogren.

Floyd Modin presented Honor Certificates to the following members who joined Vasa through the Children's Club: Linda Samuelson, James Johnson, Gordon Johnson, Peggy Johnson, and Rita Pearson. Two members, Joyce Kay and Maureen Modin were not present so their mothers accepted their certificates for them.

In recognition of Lynne Gemeroy being the first Club Americana scholarship winner, the Northern District in Sweden presented her with a beautiful gold bridal crown to take back to the Alberta District. This crown was presented by Grand Lodge Deputy Margaret Eliasson to District Master John Holmlund at the conclusion of the presentations.

To round out the evening, four girls from the Edmonton School of Ballet performed a dance. Floyd Modin told a couple of jokes, and Verna Larson, Willard and Evelyn Modin did a skit. Dancing followed to the piano music of Stan Calder.

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Popular Entertainer, Carl Elgstrand At Devlin's Leprechaun Village



If you want an evening of fun, you will find Carl Elgstrand entertaining Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at Devlin's Leprechaun restaurant in the new Cambridge Building at 10020 Jasper Avenue.

Mr. Elgstrand a comedian, a musician and a singer who reminds you of Louis Armstrong, was born and raised in Winnipeg. At the age of 11 he began his musical career by playing the cornet with the Salvation Army on street corners in Winnipeg.

A painter by trade, he came west to Edmonton as a young man. In 1951 he married Miss Margaret Forberg. They have one daughter, Greeta.

Except for a brief sojourn in Vancouver and four years in the army during the Second World War, he has lived in Edmonton and worked at his trade, (he is an excellent wood finisher).

Mr. Elgstrand retired from the Department of Defence this year, and now intends to spend full time developing his many musical talents.

For years he has assisted and contributed to the Scandinavian Centre. He and his family are members of the local Sons of Norway Lodge where he is the assistant Social Director. In past years he has been featured at many of the annual Scandapades variety shows at the Jubilee Auditorium.

We're happy that Carl can now devote his full time to the entertainment of others and develop his many talents fully. Just watch him go!

ONNELLISTA UUTTA VUOTTA

FIRM OPENS NEW OFFICE



Mr. Ernie Hokanson is the Special Projects Manager for Fortier and Associates who opened new headquarters in November at 15712 - 112 Ave.

The firm has grown by leaps and bounds from a modest beginning in Peace River in 1949, moving in 1963 to headquarters in Edmonton. They provide camps and catering for oil exploration crews, construction, government, mining and other industries. They also have special mobile kitchens for barbecue service for parties, picnics or Klondike Breakfasts.

Ernie was a former partner in the original firm which is now owned by Canadian Dredge and Dock Limited of Toronto.

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SPLINTERS from the BOARD

SCANDAPADES -

The 17th annual Scandapades show is taking shape. The drawing contest is over and we will soon have the place mats ready for distribution. There will be another drawing contest to make advertising posters for Scandapades 70. This will be done on January 11th at the Centre in conjunction with the Cultural committee's coffee party. Everything will be supplied, just bring your old shirt along and give it a whirl.

The Scandapades committee consists of the following people, if you would like to get involved and help out with some of the behind the scenes activities, please call anyone of them.

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SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS -

In the Comment column of this issue, we have a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Newland of Webb, Saskatchewan. They enjoy the paper and have made a suggestion to help save us some money. We like to hear from our readers, particularly when they have compliments and helpful suggestions. The response to our request for donations has been most gratifying.

CENTRE OPERATION -

December was an extremely busy month, which is very good from our point of view. The tickets for our New Year's Party were sold out early in December. We're proud of this 'Ball' but we don't have to boast when the tickets go like these did, it must be the best bargain in town.

SHARE SALES -

Share sales are continuing to rise and twenty applications were approved at the last board meeting.

CHARTER FLIGHTS -

Flight applications slowed down during December and we anticipate more activity this month. The Japan flight will require increased support if it is to proceed. Please call or write now if you intend to go.

RADIO PROGRAMS -

The 'Scandinavian Show' is heard every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. on radio station CFCW, 790 on your AM dial. The Scandinavian Centre Report is heard on this program at approximately 11:25 A.M. The report will be given by Gunnar Thorvaldson in January and Clarence Lindquist in February. Please give them a call if you have information to include in the report.

Another excellent program to listen to is the 'Scandinavian Hour' heard every other Sunday on radio station CKUA, 580 KC on your AM dial or 98.1 on your FM dial. The hosts are Erik Pedersen for the Danish portion, Olaf Sveen for the Norwegian portion and Anita Rusnick for the Swedish portion. The programs are 20 minutes each and commence at 4:20 P.M. See the ad in this paper for dates.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES -

The Sunday afternoon coffee parties are back, the next one will be held on January 11th. Coffee and pastry will be available, some entertainment and an opportunity for artists of all ages to try painting a poster for Scandapades.

Nordic House Cont'd.

operation with the Nordic Society of Iceland, which has its offices in the premises, and with all the bilateral Nordic associations, which also have their meetings and other public events in Nordic House, sometimes in collaboration with the House management.

Moreover, Nordic House has provided accommodation for various Icelandic cultural societies, such as the Chamber Music Club, the newly formed Film Museum, etc.

Nordic House is directed by an energetic Norwegian, Ivar Eskeland, former Journalist and man-of-letters, but the board of director is composed of three Icelanders, among them Nobel Prize Laureate Halldor Laxness and four other members, one from each of the Nordic countries.

The main problem at the moment seems to be serious lack of space and seating accommodation for the ever-growing number of guests who respond to the activities of Nordic House with an enthusiasm few people had forseen.

Atlantica and
Iceland Review.



LONGEST SERVING PRIME MINISTER

Tage Erlander of Sweden, the longest-serving premier of a Western democracy, had a 23 year uninterrupted term. The late Mackenzie King served 21 years as Canadian prime minister. The previous record was held by British Minister Sir Robert Walpole, who served 20 years.

COMMENT - - -

Dear Mrs. Nielson,

My husband and I travelled, by your chartered flight plan, to his homeland, Sweden, in 1967. We enjoyed every minute of the flights, and enjoy your newspaper also. Hope to go again.

In September you show printing expenses and income for one month. In a future issue please explain "Commissions - \$40.00" and "mailing \$30.00". I notice postage charges, what then does "mailing" mean?

It may be some of your members joined to be entitled to charter flights only. They may not be of

Scandinavian origin, and therefore indifferent to your newspaper. Would an included questionnaire decide WHO definitely reads and wants this publication. Possibly the circulation could be reduced, if some aren't interested. Just a suggestion. Postage rates are now exorbitant.

I enclose a small sum to assist in meeting expenses of circulation. We don't want to miss any copies.

Please change our mailing address to SASK. It has been listed as WEBB, ALTA, which is incorrect.

Yours truly,
Oscar & Bessie Newland.

EXPENDITURES EXPLAINED

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Newland, We greatly appreciate your letter and I am answering it in the paper for the benefit of other interested readers. The amounts shown in the September issue were taken from an earlier paper and the figures were based on the last year's balance sheet. The commissions for this year have been considerably less and I will give the statement for November 1969.

REVENUE

Advertising	486.00
Donations	59.00
	545.00

EXPENDITURES

Printing	389.25
Cuts	12.25
Postage	110.00
Editor	30.00
Mailing	30.00
Commissions	27.54
	599.04

To review the statement - first, we have advertising, about half this revenue comes from the Scandinavian Centre for flights, Scandapades, radio ads, dances, etc. The balance is from the commercial and service ads in each paper.

The donations come in regularly from readers and range from one to ten dollars. All the societies and lodges receive papers for mailing to their members who are not shareholders, this ranges from 20 to 200 papers. We also receive donations from these groups.

The printing costs vary with the size of the paper. An 8 page paper costs \$290 for 2400 copies and 6c for each additional copy. A 10 page paper is \$362.50 for 2400 and 6c for each additional copy. A 12 page issue is \$432 and 7c for each paper over 2400. We generally have 2800 copies printed.

When pictures are used a cut must first be made. These vary with

size and cost from six to ten dollars. In some cases this amount is recovered by charging the lodge or society involved.

Each month cancelled 5c stamps are purchased for mailing the paper. When our mailing list reaches 2500, we will be able to pay the postage in cash and mail the papers without stamps. Some people move without advising us of their new address and each returned paper costs us five cents.

The editor receives \$30 per month for editing, proofreading, making the paste-up, etc.

The mailing for want of a better word, is also done by the editor. This job includes: maintaining the address plates, addressing the newspapers, stamping and delivering them to the post office.

The business manager receives a commission on all advertising, other than Scandinavian Centre and ethnic group ads. This is the only money the business manager receives for soliciting new ads, maintaining the books, issuing statements and paying our accounts.

Some shareholders have joined the Scandinavian Centre to take advantage of charter flights but these people may be interested in future flights and the only advertising for this is in our newspaper. In addition, the February issue each year contains the financial report and also our only official notice to shareholders of the annual meeting. It is our hope that the paper contains articles of interest that appeal to everyone and perhaps non-Scandinavians will learn something of our history and culture.

I trust that the foregoing will have answered your queries.

Yours truly,
C. C. Thorvaldson,
Director of Scandinavian
Centre News.

Wills, Estates Booklet Available

A revised edition of the booklet "Wills and Estates for Albertans" is now available to the public through the Women's Cultural and Information Bureau or the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

The attractively designed booklet contains information on such frequently asked questions as how to draw up a will, how estates are distributed and other pertinent information. The publication content is in easily read and understood question-and-answer style.

The booklet also includes information on the new federal Estate Tax Act, and Alberta's related Rebate Act.

The last pages of the booklet provide space for listing pertinent family information, useful in the case of demise of a family member, such as bank account locations and numbers, safety deposit box locations and numbers, addresses of immediate family relatives, and other data.

Copies of "Wills and Estates for Albertans" may be obtained through: the Women's Cultural and Information Bureau, Legislative Building, Edmonton; or the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Building, Edmonton.

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LIFE'S JOURNEY

They say the world is round,
and yet,

I often think it's square.
So many little hurts we get
From corners here and there.
But there is one truth in life,
I've found

While Journeying East and West
The only folks we really know,
Are those we love the best.
We flatter those we scarcely know,
We please the fleeting guest,
And deal full many a thoughtless
blow

To those we love the best.

DANIA DOINGS



From the Board of Directors: We sincerely hope you had a merry Christmas and may we wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

1970 has started and may we hope it will be a good year for "DANIA". We start with a Whist-drive on January 11th at the DANIA Room and hope many will take part in this social evening.

A mistake in booking the Scandinavian Centre for our New Year's Dance has been made; we are sorry about that, so in order not to disappoint you, we rented the South Side Legion Hall for Saturday, January 17th for this dance. The Centre is booked for all Fridays and Saturdays in January, so please take notice of the place for this dance only. Our "Karneval" is booked for February 20th at the Scandinavian Centre, so keep this in mind too. Begin now to make your costumes for this event and don't forget you are apt to win a good prize for your effort.

Remember the New Year's Dance at the South Side Legion Hall — On Saturday, January 17th at 9:00 p.m.

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Remember to send for 1970 membership cards. Just write your name and address and send it in together with \$3.00 to the secretary Vera

Nielsen, 12424 - 141 St., and you will get your card by return mail.

"BIKUBEN" will meet the third Monday as usual and ladies bring your husbands along this time for a social evening. Monday the 19th will be the date.

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Did you listen to Erik Pedersen for the Danish Program? He had a very nice Christmas program on December 14th and a New Year's program on December 28th. What about trying to listen every other Sunday in 1970, you get a little bit of news both from here and from Denmark beside lots of nice Danish music. Remember he is on CKUA every other Sunday, beginning January 11th at 4:20 p.m. — mark your calendar so you won't forget the date and time. See the ad in the Scandinavian Centre News for this. If you are truly interested in this program, there is no excuse for not knowing the date and time. What about it? Are you going to listen?

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The Danish Classes with Mrs. Hermansen are going good and she would like to start another class, as she has a few waiting to start, but would like a few more for this class. How about it? See her ad in this paper and give her a ring, she is a good teacher.

NORDSTJARNAN NEWS

Our last meeting, held at the home of Sr. Tillie Sjöberg on November 29, was well-attended. Final plans were made regarding the Lutefisk Supper with discussions on several other subjects. Election of Officers was completed and arrangements made for the Children's Christmas Party. Following the meeting Br. John Ecklund rendered a few enjoyable musical selections.

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As usual, our Annual Lutefisk Supper was well-attended and was a decided success. Without the whole-hearted support and co-operation of our members, it would be indeed no easy task to cater to such a large number of people. We wish to thank members who attended from other lodges.

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The weatherman was with us all the way for the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday afternoon, December 14. Several times in the past, we have experienced a bit of bad luck in this respect. This was one of the reasons for staging the program in December this year instead of approximately the third week of January, as has been the custom. At the same time, we endeavoured to schedule it to coincide with Lucia Day, December 13. Everything considered, it seems that it could be termed a success and we hope everyone who attended had an enjoyable time. We were especially pleased to welcome Henry and

Linnea Lodge of Skandia Lodge, Edmonton, on this occasion. It is certain that if we were unable to have this type of day sometime during this season of the year, there would be a goodly number of disappointed children.

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We would like to congratulate Skandia Lodge on the recent celebration of their Fortieth Anniversary. At that time, Sister Margaret Eliasson, Grand Lodge Deputy, on behalf of Northern District Lodge No. 19 in Sweden, presented a Gold Vasa Crown to District Master Brother John Holmlund. This Bridal Crown is a gift to Alberta District No. 18.

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We would like to send the best of good wishes to Br. Carl Hendrickson who has been on the sick list for quite some time. To any other members who have been hospitalized or ill at home, we wish a speedy recovery.

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The next regular meeting of this lodge will be held at Lone Ridge Hall on January 3, 1970, at 8:30 P.M. Installation of Officers will be on the agenda.

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At this time, we are hoping that everyone will be enjoying a Happy Christmas Season and to all we wish a very Prosperous and Happy New Year.

NEWS FROM THE DANISH CHURCH

At the annual meeting, the end of November, three new members were elected to the board. The church board consists now of Jack Petersen (president), Mrs. Karen Jensen (vice-president), Nels Andersen (treasurer), Mrs. Sigrid Larsen (secretary), Ove Klostergaard, Kris Kristensen, and Frovin Sorensen (deacons), Niels Gran, John Steffensen, and Chris Vimtrup (trustees) and the pastor. Mr. Niels Petersen left the board where he has done a great work during the years. He has been on the board since the congregation was started 40 years ago. The other two who left the board were Mrs. Margit Jensen who has served as a secretary for 4 years, and Miss Alice Andersen who has been on the board for one year as a trustee.

Sunday, December the 14th, Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church was filled with more than 120 people at an English family service in the afternoon. After the first hymn the children from the Sunday school came in dressed up like Joseph and Mary, the shepherds, wise men, and angels. From the front of the church they sang "Away in a manger," "Et barn er født i Bethlehem," "Silent night, holy night" and "Jingle bells." After the service there was a Christmas party in the basement both for children and adults. Thank you, children for what you gave us through your song and your smiles.

Meetings in January. Tuesday, 6th, 7:00 p.m. Young People's New Year's party, Wednesday, 7th, 8:00 p.m., Ladies' Aid (English), Tuesday, 13th, 8:00 p.m., Ansgar Men's Club "Movements in the church today," the speaker pastor Filtenborg. Tuesday, 20th, 7:00 p.m., Young People's Group. Wednesday the 21st, Ungdomskredsen at Filtenborg's, 10532 - 48 Str. Tuesday, 27th, 8:00 p.m., Bible study evening. Wednesday, 28th, Danish Young Women's Club.

Baptisms: Treena Roxane Graff, daughter of Valerie Graff; Michael John Boddy, son of Wayne and Lise-Lotte Boddy; Gordon Douglas Thomsen, son of Hjalmar and Kathleen Thomsen. Congratulations.

Weddings: Nov. 29th Ejvind Hansen and Inger Petersen. Congratulations.

Funerals: Ejvind Johannes (called Ivan Edward) Mortensen, died Dec. 1. Aere vaere hans minde.

Only 500 households are now without a supply of electricity in Norway. Per capita consumption of electricity is the highest in the world. Two-thirds of the output is consumed by industry — electro-metallurgical and electro-chemical industries in particular — but domestic consumption is also substantial. Since the war, consumers have paid a levy to finance the supply of electricity to remote homesteads.

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Miss. Gushin — "It must be wonderful to be a parachute jumper. I suppose you've had some terrible experiences."

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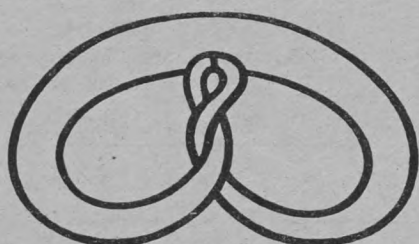
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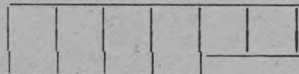
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SOLGLYT**SPOTLIGHT****COMING EVENTS:****INSTALLATION
DINNER & DANCE**

Members and friends of Sons of Norway are invited to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Sons of Norway, to be held at the Scandinavian Centre in the Viking Room on Saturday, January 17, 1970. Evening entertainment will begin with a smorgasbord at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mr. Sig Sorenson, Regional Manager of Sons of Norway, outlining the "Saga of Norway." Installation of the 1970 officers will take place at 7:30 p.m. Dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. will conclude the evening. Tickets can be obtained from Inge Anderson (489-6490) or Selma Sorenson (466-1839), at the price of \$3.50 per person. Only 250 seats are available so make your reservations early.

A group of five Sons of Norway hallowe'eners terrified Meadowlark Park last October 31. Where will they strike next year?

RE: LUTEFISK

Once again I would like to express my appreciation to the following helpers who were responsible for making the Lutfisk Supper a success.

To the Social Director, Sister Gladys Clark in her wonderful co-operation. To the kitchen helpers — Sisters Maisie Amdam, Hilda Bukvi, Marion Iverson, Martha Venoasen, Rodena Franklin, Evelyn Aesler, Mary Gulbrandsen, Emma Sonstnes, Clara Bradford, Clara Lineham, and Gladys Clark, and Brothers Alvin Searl, Warren Clark, Richard Larson, Iver Venoasen, Peter Hanson and John Sather.

The Dining Room hostesses Sisters Ruth Logan, Clara Lineham and Johanne Nilson. Also to the Junior Lodge boys who set the tables and to Sisters Olga McBride and Lois Venoasen in placing the guests. To all the waitresses who all did a very fine job, thank you one and all.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Ragna Sivertsen.

Sick Committee Report

We are glad to hear that Brother Wegger Myhre is up and around. Keep up the good work Wegger. Stephen Reno is feeling fine and is back at work again. Mrs. Johanna Reno is waiting for a bed in the hospital. Brian Rikstad, son of Clarence and Mary, had an accident playing hockey and is feeling fine now.

We all wish to thank Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen for all her hard work in making our Lutfisk Supper a success.

Gladys Clark.

A Christmas party was held at the regular Junior Lodge meeting

on December 10. There were expressions of surprise and delight when they saw the lovely smorgasbord table prepared by Stella. 28 in all sat down to a meal that will long be remembered. Then the regular meeting and election of officers was held.

The following officers were elected for 1970 —

President, Howard MacNaughton. Vice-president, Donald Isert. Secretary, Maureen Bishop. Assistant secretary, David Amundson. Treasurer, Ian Iverson. Financial Secretary, Robert MacNaughton, Counsellor, Danny Lineham, Marshall, Judy Fairhead. Assistant Marshall, Bonnie Stead. Social Director, Jerry Harvey. Inner Guard, Penny Iverson.

Clara Lineham.

Brother Harv Haugen, 4th District Social Director, had the pleasure of visiting with the newly formed Northern Lights Lodge in Grande Prairie. Thirty-one members were initiated at that time. Bro. Haugen remarked that he was extremely pleased with the efforts of officers and members at their first business meeting.

Solglyt Lodge No. 143 held its regular monthly meeting December 3 in the Nordic Room. Bro. Inge Anderson has been given permission to begin a Norwegian language class for members and their children who are interested in learning to 'snuke Norsk'. 25 members, present, were interested. Sister Selma Sorenson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, assisted by Bro. Inge Anderson, presented a proposed slate of Officers. They include: President — Stan Hafso, Vice-president — Inge Anderson, Secretary — Betty Travis, Ass't Secretary — Shirley Hanson, Treasurer — Phil Olstad, Financial Secretary — Min Strand, Counsellor — Joe Lineham, Marshall — Myrle Travis, Ass't Marshall — Thorlief Berg, Historian — Isabelle Mjaatveit, Social Director — Gladys Clark, Ass't Social Directors — Raydun Berg and Carl Elgstrand, Inner Guard — Anders Anderson, Trustees Cliff Johnson, Kalmar Amdam, and Richard Larson, Jr. Director — Lorna Ferrell, Ass't Jr. Director Marion Iverson, Librarian — Selma Sorenson, Sports Director — Peter Hanson, Ass't Sports Directors — Jan Nordbo and Betty McKevitt. Musician — Del Melsness.

Following the elections a very enjoyable evening of bingo was held with prizes galore. The turkeys were won by Bro. Anders Anderson and Sister Mary Johnson. Other winners were Sisters Clara Lineham, Elsie Dreichel, Edith Johnson, Betty McKevitt, Rodene Franklin, and Ruth Zelensky, also Bros. Del Melsness, August Stolee, Andy Mjaatveit, Joe Lineham, Myrle Travis, Thorlief Berg, Richard Larson, and Greg Johnson.

Our Social Director, Stan Hafso, called the bingo numbers loud and clear. The lunch was prepared and

served by Alfred and Mary Schumm and Ted and Rodena Franklin.

Gladys Clark's mother, Mrs. Mathilda Quale, of Regina, Saskatchewan, is visiting with the Clarks, and Gladys's sister, Mrs. W. H. Gieg, for the winter.

Solglyt's Christmas Party on December 14 was a huge success with a record turnout of children and parents. Warren Clark was program convenor and is to be commended on the fine program and the presentation of same. The Jr. and Sr. 'Dancers of the Midnight Sun' presented a combination of Norwegian Folk Dances. Anders and Christine Anderson both played piano solos. Keith and Peter Broen presented a piano-guitar duet. Charlene and Cindy Berg sang a duet. Darlene Melsness also sang a duet but it was a little different in that she sang with a tape recording of her voice. Darlene was accompanied on the piano by her father, Del Melsness. Last but not least are the Fleuty girls who were accompanied on the piano by their mother, Crystal MacDonald Fleuty. The twins were adorable singing a duet (they are only 5 years old). Their older sister, Crystal, sang a solo.

Joe Lineham, president, led the carol singing while all the children, young and old, joined in a circle around the tree and sang. Santa Claus was heralded in with a rousing chorus of 'Here Comes Santa Claus'. Santa and his helpers gave the children their treats. A lovely lunch, complete with Lefse and Krum Kaka was served by Gladys Clark and several of the ladies.

Mrs. Eva Dehlli, of Stavanger, Norway, has been a guest of her daughter, Reidun Kirkhus, since April. Mrs. Dehlli returned home to Norway on Dec. 16.

Betty Travis, Council Member for Gateway Chapter Sweet Adelines, attended a regional meeting and Novice Quartet competition in Seattle, on Nov. 22. Betty stayed in Vancouver and enjoyed 5 days with her sister, Mrs. Cyril Skyes before returning home.

Your Sons of Norway reporters for next month will be Wally and Betty Broen. Give them a call at 466-8461 if you have any news to report.

NORWEGIAN SAGAS credit Viking Harald Hardrade (Harold Hardruler) with the founding of Oslo in the year 1050. The city suffered attacks in later centuries and was eventually burned. In 1624, King Christian IV ordered the city rebuilt and gave it the name Christiania. In 1924, they changed back to the original name, Oslo.

Since bacon shrinks considerably owing to its high proportion of fat, it should be cooked slowly over moderate heat.

DOOL — ECKLUND

On Friday, November 7, Shirley Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest T. Ecklund of Wetaskiwin, became the bride of Lawrence William Dool, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dool of Thorsby. The lovely double-ring ceremony took place in St. Mathews Lutheran Church in Thorsby and was officiated by Rev. Kublick of Mulhurst. The church was beautifully decorated with baskets of yellow roses at the alter and white bows with sprays of lily of the valley marking the pews.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. Arnold Krueger of Thorsby. Mrs. Schneck sang the Wedding Blessing as the bride entered the church. During the signing of the register, Mrs. Schneck and Mrs. Grabowsky sang One For The Other and Both of God.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was radiant in a traditional style gown of lace over net, with seed pearls and aurora borealis beads on the bodice. Her waist-length, four-tiered veil was held in place by the lovely gold Vasa Crown. She wore an heirloom gold locket, belonging to her late maternal grandmother, as her only jewelery, and carried a cascade bouquet of red roses and blue forget-me-nots with long white streamers attached with red rose-buds.

Miss Dianne Dool, sister of the groom, was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Miss Diana Sendziak and Miss Linda Krause.

WEDDING BELLS

Junior bridesmaid was Miss Judy Piel, cousin of the bride. They all wore identical dresses of sky blue peau de soie with sheer sleeves and empire waistlines. White and yellow daisies decorated the waistline and sleeves. They carried bouquets of white carnations and yellow star flowers. In their hair, they wore dainty pearl and aurora borealis tiaras with a dainty blue veil. They also wore small gold cross necklaces as their only jewelery, gifts of the bride. Flower girl was Miss Linda Jackson, cousin of the bride. Her dress, identical in style to the bridesmaids, was of yellow peau de soie with white and blue daisies on waist and sleeves. She carried a small white basket of blue carnations and white star flowers with blue streamers. Her tiara consisted of white lace and white roses. Her jewelery, a gold and blue locket, ring and bracelet, was a gift of the bride.

Andy Ollenbergh of Alsike was best man and other groomsmen were Cyril Dool, brother of the groom and Joseph Verhun, cousin of the groom. Kelly Klingbeil, nephew of the bride, was junior groomsman and Murray Kingbeil, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer. Ushers were Arnold Krueger and Bert Piel, uncle of the bride.

The reception was held in the Thorsby Community Hall where the parents greeted the guests. For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Ecklund chose to wear a blue wool dress with silver on the collar and sleeves. Her hat and gloves were in gold and her purse and shoes were in black. Her corsage was of white roses. The groom's mother wore a royal mauve dress with white accessories and her purse and shoes were in black. Her corsage also was of white roses.

The hall was decorated in blue, white and yellow streamers and bells. Centering the bridal table was a three-tier cake in white and blue, baked by the bride's mother and aunt, Erna Jackson, and decorated by the groom's aunt, Mrs. John Sych of Hay Lakes. Tall blue candles with sprays of lily of the valley attached and yellow roses completed the table decor. Master of Ceremonies was George Sjogren and Toastmaster was Bill Jackson, uncle of the bride. Miss Brenda Chopin was in charge of the guest book.

Leaving later for a trip to Banff and Jasper, the bride changed to a blue fortrel suit with black accessories and a corsage of cymbidium orchids. On their return, the newly-weds will make their home on the farm of the groom's parents in Thorsby.

Out of town were from Wetaskiwin, Thorsby, Ponoka, Calmar, Devon, Leduc, Edmonton, Hinton, Wildwood, Calgary and Red Deer.

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Tom was back in his village home for his holidays from college. One day he said to his mother: "May I tell you a narrative, Mother?"

The mother, not being used to hearing such big words, said "What is a narrative, my boy?"

"A narrative is a tale," said Tom.

That night when going to bed Tom said, "May I extinguish the light, Mother?"

His mother asked "What do you mean by saying extinguish?"

"Extinguish means put out," said Tom.

A few days later Tom's mother was giving a party at their home, and the dog walked in. Tom's mother raised her voice and said "Tom take that dog by the narrative and extinguish him."

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CANADIAN PAVILLION NEAR COMPLETION AT OSAKA

The exterior work on the Canadian pavillion at Expo '70 near Osaka is nearly complete — after two typhoon seasons, at least one earthquake, and 16 months of construction.

Contractors plan to hold an "official completion ceremony" soon to mark the end of major external construction. The interior work, exhibits, landscaping, and other finishing touches will be added before the fair open next March 15.

BETTER

Planning for Expo '70 began even before Expo '67 opened its gates, and Canadian officials claim progress at Osaka is better than at Montreal.

There, cold weather was the chief, adversary of construction crews. In Japan, the planners assembling Canada's \$11.2 million package of exhibits have worried their way through two typhoon seasons and a severe earthquake late this summer.

"I was inside when the earthquake began," recalled Sgt. James Currie of the RCMP, in charge of the security force of the pavillion. "When I got outside, the towers were still swaying. They kept swaying back and forth for about 20 or 30 seconds, but there was no damage."

Canada has led the pack of foreign exhibitors at Osaka ever since she became the first country to enter the exposition three years ago.

Other "firsts" for the Canadian contingent include: first country to sign a contract, first to produce a pavillion design, first to obtain a building permit, first to break ground on the site, first to "top off" a pavillion, and probably the first to hold an official completion ceremony.

Work on the Ontario, Quebec, and British Columbia pavilions is also proceeding on schedule.

Most of the exterior work has been completed, and officials predict no difficulties in completing the displays on time.

60,000

About 60,000 Canadians are expected to visit Expo '70 next year, but the federal government pavillion is aiming its presentation primarily at Japanese, especially Japanese youth, according to Michael C. Spenser, public relations officer.

Canada's entry is double-billed as Discovery and The Young Pavilion. "This is a young people's pavillion run by young people," he says. The average age of staff members is somewhere in the 20s — definitely under 30.

Inside, the displays will be in Japanese, except for occasional signs in French and English. The Canadian guides all speak some Japanese — some of them are fluent — and were selected in part because of their language ability.

Canada has one of the largest entries at Expo, and it is likely to

be one of the most crowded next year. About 3,000 people per hour will be able to go through the six exhibit areas inside the pavillion — or a total of five million during the six months of the exposition.

Another 1,000 visitors per hour will be able to enter the courtyard, where singers and folk dancers will perform on a "floating" stage beneath five huge spinners.

Depending on the number of visitors, entrance to the courtyard may have to be controlled as well. "I can foresee the time when people will have to line up all around the pavillion just to get in the courtyard," Spencer said. "Then we'll have to close off three of the entrances and have people wait in line."

TO COMPETE

This means that Canadians will have to compete with millions of visitors, mostly Japanese, at their own pavillion next year.

Despite the prospects of crowds and more crowds, officials are pleased with the end product they're developing. "There is no pavillion that I know of that has the combination of exhibit space and performing space," says Spencer.

The least expected compliment from the most unlikely source came from a Pravda correspondent who recently visited Expo. "The Canadian pavillion is undoubtedly the best," the Russian reportedly said — but not for Western consumption. — Edmonton Journal.

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Crown Prince and Crown Princess Sonja have accepted an invitation to be the guests of the Japanese Government during a visit to the World's Fair in Osaka in 1970, and will probably attend Norway Day at the Fair on May 6.

At a dinner party, the guests were discussing whether women or men were the most trustworthy in busi-

ness. "I don't believe that any woman can keep a secret," declared one man.

"I wouldn't say that," retorted a forbidding looking lady sitting opposite him. "I've kept my age a secret since I was 24."

"Nevertheless, I'll wager that someday you will let it out," replied the skeptic.

"I seriously doubt it, sir. When a woman has kept a secret for 20 years, she can go on keeping it forever."

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SCANDAPADES '70**A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES****TREASURER**

Lennart Petersson will keep a watchful eye on the bank account as he undertakes the function of treasurer for Scandapades for another year. This seems to be his forte as Len is also the treasurer on the Board of Directors. He has held the director's position for two years and represents the Swedish people.

An active member in Swedish lodges Len belongs to Vasa Lodge Skandia 549 and The Swedish Club North Star and has held various offices during the last 14 years. At present he holds the positions of chairman for Vasa Lodge Skandia and auditor for Alberta District 18 of the Vasa Order of America.

Born in Soderkoping, Sweden, Lennart came to Canada in 1956 as a visitor. He found this new country so agreeable that he decided to stay.

Together with his wife, Joan, he has been involved with Scandapades backstage and on stage since 1958, and has yet to see our production from the audience. Lennart and Joan have spent a great deal of time performing and teaching Swedish Folk Dances. The Petersson's have one daughter, Sandra, age 4 years.

Len is manager of the Data Processing Department for Principal Group Limited which through its member companies offers investment opportunities to Canadians at guaranteed interest or through participation in their mutual funds.

SECRETARY

The only female voice on the fifteen-member Board of Directors, May Rushton, has agreed to be secretary of Scandapades for the third year.

May is a very capable, busy person, working as a secretary for her employers North West Feeds and as a director she has acted as secretary to the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Rushton came from Sweden at an early age and was educated in Edmonton. Much of May's life has centered around the Swedish lodges and in the last few years she has been active in Vasa Lodge Skandia. May is kept young-at-heart by ten year old son, David.

VASA LODGE SKANDIA

Vasa Lodge Skandia held the last meeting of the 1969 term in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre, on Saturday, December 6. Chairman Peter Johnson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Members reported as sick include Gunnar Okerman, Bill Kay, Gust Lundgren, John Jarret, Joyce Hawkes, Anna Sund, and Minnie Nelson.

The Land Committee reported that fifty stacking chairs have now been purchased and delivered to the lake property. Thanks to the Sports Club for the initiative, and the Land Committee for the support so we will be "sitting pretty" next summer. It was also reported that Larry Comin's cabin is up for sale.

The 40 Anniversary Celebrations were a great success. Out of the 160 people present, 129 were members. The conclusion of the comments on the evening were very favorable. Everyone ate a delicious meal, and enjoyed themselves.

The Singers are still practicing in the Scandinavian Centre, and all new talent will be greatly accepted.

Evelyn Johnson has been appointed our lodge chairman of the cookbook. She is looking for any really good recipes, not necessarily Swedish. If you have one you are willing to share, type it out and send it to Evelyn at 8723 - 120 St.

Several new names for the lake property were suggested. They were turned over to the Land Committee for contemplation.

The slate of officers for 1970 were chosen, and are as follows:

Chairman - Lennart Petersson
Vice-Chairman - Helge Erickson
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Assistant Recording
Secretary - Joan Petersson
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Secretary - Linnea Lodge
Assistant Financial
Secretary - Linda Weiss
Treasurer - Don Johnson
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Master of
Ceremonies - Marvin Weiss
Assistant Master of
Ceremonies - Martha Kay
Inner Guard - Herman Nelson
Outer Guard - Emil Weiss
The Auditors for 1970 are:
Martha Kay, Eskil Sarlson, Willard Modin.

Lynne Gemeroy spoke briefly to the Lodge on her year in Sweden.

Chairman Peter Johnson read greetings from District Master John Holmlund.

A request was received from Lodge Tranan in Sweden for a correspondent from our Lodge. Lynne Gemeroy volunteered. She also brought greetings from the Lodge in Kungors.

A delightful lunch with delicious Swedish Christmas treats was served after the meeting by the Ladies' Auxiliary. Lynne Gemeroy further described her year in Sweden.

DATES TO REMEMBER**Saturday, January 10:**

7:00 p.m. Regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia will be held in the Dania Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Following the meeting Verna Larson will show films on Japan.

Sunday, January 11:

1:00 Children's Club will meet downstairs in the Scandinavian Centre. Alfred Nobel will be discussed.

Friday, January 16:

8:00 p.m. The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet at the home of Andy and Ivy Ogren, 8749 - 89 Ave.

VASA GLIMPSES

Congratulations to Judy and Calvin Cartwright on the birth of their son Kelly James, on November 12. Kelly weighed 5 pounds 14 ounces at birth. Charlene is very pleased with her baby brother as are grandparents Harold and Minnie Markstrom.

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Harold and Lulu Lundgren of Saskatoon were in Edmonton to attend the 40 Anniversary Celebration of Vasa Lodge Skandia.

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Willard and Evelyn Modin have motored to Toronto to spend the Christmas Season with their son Wayne and family.

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Congratulations to Ken and Carol Banks on the birth of Jennifer Erica on November 21. Jennifer weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces at birth. Proud grandparents are Eric and Margaret Engvall.

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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER —
January 9 — Friday 8:00 p.m.

The Icelandic Society will hold an executive meeting at the home of Don and Margaret Cameron, 10740 - 133 Street.

January 4 — Sunday, 8:00 p.m.

The Saga singers will meet for a practice and social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Arnason, 14434 McQueen Road. They welcome interested people who enjoy singing. For information please phone Mrs. G. Roland, 433-3393.

Mrs. Freda Smith, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Icelandic Society, wishes to extend a hearty thanks to all the members and friends who helped make the Christmas Bazaar such an outstanding success by donating home baking and helping in so many ways. Without the help of all you wonderful people this project would not have been possible.

Birthday greetings go out to Honorary Life Member, Mr. Joe Johnson of Bethany Lodge, as he celebrates his birthday on Jan. 12. The Icelandic Society send greetings and best wishes to all others who celebrates January birthdays. May health and happiness be yours.

Honorary Life Member, Mr. Art Arnfinson has returned home after spending some time as a patient in the Misericordia Hospital. We wish you a speedy and complete recovery, Art.

Mrs. Gudrun Vigfusson of Selkirk, Manitoba will be spending the holiday season in Edmonton visiting her 3 sons — Herb, Hal and Les and their families, and her daughter, Thorey Greenham and her husband and family.

Mrs. Vigfusson is an Honorary Life Member of the Icelandic Society and is always a welcome visitor to the Society when she comes to Edmonton.

The Lorne MacPherson family motored to Regina, Sask. to spend the festive season with Lillian's parents: Hafsteinn and Lillian Bjarnason.

Mrs. Annur Jonsson spent a few days in Calgary visiting her daughter, Hazel on her journey to Vancouver where she spent Christmas with her daughter, Erika. Mrs. Unnur Jonsson is the step-mother of our Vice-President Mr. Steini Jonsson.

Dear friends,
I wish to thank you very much for your kindnesses to me. I do appreciate receiving the Scandinavian News. Wishing your organization every success.

Sincerely yours,
Bergros Palsson (Mrs.)
Dawson Creek, B.C.

Miss Marion Arnason, a student at St. Chad's Anglican Girls' School in Regina, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Arnason.

On a recent business trip to Toronto and Winnipeg Mr. Gunnar Thorvaldson had the opportunity to visit his sister in Toronto — Mrs. Bernice Mitchell and his mother in Winnipeg — Mrs. Margaret Thorvaldson.

Mrs. Esther Watson will be spending the month of January visiting her daughters, Mr. Clara Johnson and Mrs. Edith Diverill of Edmonton.

Mrs. Lillian MacPherson, chairman of the Icelandic speaking course, will be holding a meeting in January to finalize plans for the course. There is still room for a few more people in the class — Phone Mrs. MacPherson at 434-6556 for information.

It has been brought to the attention of the readers of Logberg-Heimskringla that the latest publication by Dr. Richard Beck, the translation of Icelandic poems and stories, is available and can be obtained through "Books for Libraries Press, Free Port, New York, U.S.A."

The cost of this book is \$8.50. The editor of Grand Forks Herald, where Dr. Beck lived in 1943, comments, "Wide and favorable comments have been accorded this vol-

ume by the book reviewers of many nationally known publishers including several metropolitan newspapers."

Honorary Life Member Mr. Mike Johnson of 9515 - 81 St. travelled by train to Winnipeg, Man., to spend the holidays with relatives. We understand that Mike plans on being back in Edmonton to join the Icelanders at Thorroblot which will be held in February.

Mrs. Bill Bachman of 4493 Mountain Hwy, North Vancouver, B.C. has recently returned home after undergoing surgery in the Vancouver Hospital. We wish you better health in the future, Inga. Many members of the Icelandic Society who had the pleasure of knowing Inga and Bill, their son, Bud and daughter, Marilyn will remember when they lived in Edmonton and were very active members serving on the executive and helping when ever needed. Bill has now retired and they have made their new home in a beautiful mountain area at the above address.

Congratulations to Miss Sheila Craig, age 15 who won the championship in figure skating for Northern Alberta and N.W.T. at the competitions held in November. Sheila is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Craig of Fort Saskatchewan and is Margaret and Don Cameron's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Edgar of Lyleton, Manitoba spent the Christmas Season with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Thorvaldson.

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Tractor Noise Warrants Ear Plugs

Farmers were advised recently to wear ear muffs or plugs when they drive tractors to prevent noise-induced deafness.

The advice came from Dr. Herb Buchwald of the Alberta Health Department's industrial health branch.

He told the Western Canada Farm Safety Conference at Banff that persons who do not wear such equipment will likely suffer hearing difficulties if subjected to a constant sound like a diesel tractor roaring wide open under a field load.

Dr. Buchwald said the exhaust from such vehicles can develop a noise level as high as 105 decibels, about 30 above that which the human ear can tolerate.

A. L. Reigert of the Saskatchewan Health Department's occupational health branch said installing a cab on a tractor to cut the noise level is a waste of money. Tests have shown that cabs don't cut the noise, they merely diffuse it.

"We advocate adding three feet to the exhaust stack as an alternative," Mr. Reigert said.

Tom Preston, an agricultural

engineer at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, said some farmers actually take the mufflers off tractors in the belief they will develop more power. He said some also do it to hear "the happy engine note" in keeping the engine geared to the correct amount.

"We are told the improper use of pesticides has caused the silent spring," Mr. Preston said. "Likewise, the blast of a tractor exhaust in a farmer's ears will cause a silent night — permanently."

Free Press Weekly.

MAGNAR LUNDEMO, long in the elite of Norwegian cross-country skiers, has accepted an offer to act as trainer for the Canadian national cross-country team.

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KNUT HAGRUP was appointed president of SAS, the Scandinavian Airlines System, and will succeed Sweden's Karl Nilsson on January 1, 1970. Mr. Hagrup is the first Norwegian to fill the top position in SAS. A flier during the Second World War, Mr. Hagrup has worked for SAS in various administrative capacities since the airline was started in 1947.

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SPORTS CORNER

Over a year has past since the DANIA Gymnastik Club at an extraordinary General Meeting decided to dissolve the club.

The equipment and cash on hand has been in trust of the Danish Society "DANIA" since then.

The money has now been turned over to "DANIA" and the equipment has been distributed to those who put lots of time and effort in for the gymnastiks. We thank them all for their effort through the years and are sorry to see the end of Danish Gymnastiks in Edmonton, particularly since Denmark is well known for its athletes.

Star Hockey Player

Juha Widing who plays centre for the New York Rangers was born in Finland and played his junior hockey in Sweden. Juha, who wears sweater number 20, is a superb stick-handler. The Rangers are in first place in the National Hockey League.

Book Review

Westward to Vinland, by Helge Ingstad. Translated from the Norwegian by Erik J. Friis. An invaluable record of a major archeological discovery—the one that proved that Viking explorers came to North America — and a highly readable book. Rich in illustrations. Extensive bibliography included (227 pp.) (Published by St. Martin's Press, New York, Price \$6.95).

STUDY FOR MRS. DEGREE

AS if being beautiful weren't enough, thousands of Norwegian girls each year add to their stock in the marriage market by attending state-run schools to learn such domestic skills as cooking, child-care and even potato farming in order to become model hus-moren.

Norway's husmorskole (housewife school) system celebrated its centennial in 1965. There are now 70 housewife schools all over this rugged (75 per cent uninhabitable) and sparsely populated (4million) land. At any given moment, 2,800 girls, a few married, many engaged and the rest hopeful, are taking five-month or ten-month all-day programs at the schools.

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BOTH students and officials caution, however, that graduates of the schools do not necessarily stand a better chance of landing that certain Olav or Knut.

"This doesn't make it easier to get a man — but you can make it more comfortable for him when you do," said Kari Lundteigen, a blond 19-year-old student at the husmorskole at Lier, southwest of Oslo.

"Viking".

Scandinavian History and Culture Probed

NORWEGIAN PROGRAM

RADIO CKUA, Nov. 2nd 1969

Mr. Sveen:

Today we are going to talk about the Northmen family, around Viking times. We don't usually hear too much about women in those days. Dr. Tom Nelson will answer some questions about this. My daughter Ingrid will ask him the questions.

Ingrid:

We have had no mention of women in relation to the Northmen's society. Weren't there any women in those days?

Dr. Nelson:

It is true that women are not so prevalent in the literature as men. It was a man's world but there is ample enough mention to gather what they and their conditions were like. One of the earliest records is provided by Tacitus, the Roman historian writing about 600 years before the Viking period. He describes marriage as monogamous — one man to one woman — and tells us of vows that sound like those we use today. The wife, for example, took an oath to accept the same risks and endure the same suffering as her husband in war as well as in peace, and this was no idle vow. Tacitus says that in war the families stood behind the ranks urging the men onward and in so doing sharing in defeat as well as victory.

Tacitus says also that the lot of the early Northern women was very good, as compared with that of the Roman women. In general, he says that the relationship between man and woman was highly ethical.

Over the years, however, conditions greatly changed. The society became more settled and increasingly more wealthy. Slaves were a great source of wealth. They were brought in great numbers and men began to take concubines into the household. Adam of Bremen visited the great pagan centre of religion at Uppsala during its heyday, around the year 1000. He expresses great admiration for the Northmen, but says, "It is only for women that they show no moderation; every man according to his means, has two, three, or more wives at a time; the wealthy and the noble have numerous wives. The sons of all these unions are accepted as legitimate. The death penalty however, is invoked if one has intercourse with a neighbour's wife, or rapes a virgin. . . ."

Along these lines, some have said that the physiological differences present between the Scandinavian groups today are due, in part at least, to the different sources for slaves; the West Vikings taking girls from Celtic countries and the East Vikings taking Slavs.

We also find a large amount of evidence that wives were being taken during the Viking period to strengthen a king's position. This is to say, we find the development of political marriage, something that was probably rare when the Northmen lived in loose societies and only elected chiefs for the purpose of conducting war or for migrating. However, the place of Scandinavian women in society was never reduced in importance by this change; simply altered. Wives left relationships that were not to their liking and complaints of poor living conditions

could make serious trouble for the erring husband. Snorri in the Saga of Harald Fairhair gives us a pretty good picture of the times.

The Saga says: "Harald Fairhair had many wives. One was Ragnhild, daughter of a Danish king. She was called Ragnhild the Powerful. They had a son, Eirik Bloodaxe. Harald had other kings' daughters for wives, but it is said that when he married Ragnhild, he sent nine other wives away."

Ingrid:

The earlier "one woman, one man and no more" relationships seem all right, even if dangerous. But some of the Viking relationships sound like they should have ended in the divorce court. Isn't this so?

Dr. Nelson:

The development of polygamous habits surely strained the family where it occurred. However, it was primarily the wealthier sector of the society who were able to practice it extensively. The peasant class doubtless contained a lesser percentage of multiple marriages, and thralls were comparatively insulated from these changes. It is likely, however, that attitudes toward marriage were generally altered by the example set by the peasant and earl leaders. In assessing the effects of polygamy however one should bear in mind that the women of that period were not as subordinate or docile as those from other cultural groups. They could make their wishes felt, and did. The women of old Scandinavia were proud, and saga literature frequently mentions wives walking out to return home in the hope of a better match. Women maintained a measure of independence when married, and were not the sort to suffer in silence. In one account, coming from the 10th century, a poetess Thorhild notices her husband Thrain looking at another woman during a wedding feast.

She yells at him: "Your gaping is no good, lust is in your eyes!"

Thrain incidentally divorced her on the spot and married the other woman a short time later, the second marriage was said to have been a good one.

Nevertheless, it is too much to expect a change from monogamy to polygamy ever to be popular with the women. In fact, it is probably one of the factors leading to the ultimate disintegration of the pagan way of life. We know that the promise of monogamy was a strong incentive for urging Christianity upon the family.

The greatest strain upon the family though, may well have been the Viking life itself. Men were away for long periods and the women were left upon their own for months on end every year. It must have been like being a modern day serviceman's wife on a permanent basis, except for knowing that your husband did not intend to stop fighting until he was killed. This was his way of life and what his wife expected of him and in part why he had her respect. Repeated long periods of separation and unending uncertainty must have made the men who stayed home look pretty good at times. This could have been a basis for fixing death as the penalties for intercourse with a neighbour's wife and for rape. In the

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same vein, Adam of Bremen also says that women who were unchaste were sold as slaves or thralls.

The mentality that was developed is also reflected in an old Viking cradle song which goes like this: "My mother said they should buy me a boat and fair oars, and that I should go abroad with the Vikings. I should stand forward in the bows and steer a clear bark and so wend to the haven. I should cut down man after man there".

Olaf Sveen:

There are still many questions to be asked about the Saga women, but we will go into that in later programs, and I will thank Dr. Nelson and also my daughter Ingrid for being on the program.

RECORDS

The latest stereo release, from Olaf Sveen on a London label, is 'Spring-time Along The Fjord'. The songs are: Side one, Finska Valsen, Paal Sine Honer, Maren I Myra, Farmers Schottish, Astrid's Vals. Side Two, Fingerpolkett, Hjalmar og Hulda Waltz, Mari Mara Polka, Lokker'n, Sukkertoy og Lade. Very nice for listening or dancing to. There is a beautiful fjord scene on the record cover, courtesy Scandinavian Airlines System.